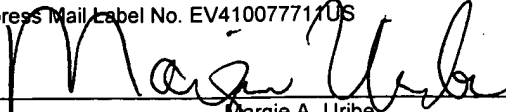


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for a second month extension of time for responding to the final rejection dated November 15, 2005, extending the period of response from February 15, 2006 to March 15, 2006.

Payment of the petition fee in the amount of \$60.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853 during the pendency of prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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